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PROPOSED RADICAL CHANGE

Bill Outlining New Indian Policy in Preparation Provides for Immediate Dissolution of Tribal Relations and Allotment of All Lands.

Advices from Washington say that a new policy has been determined upon by the government in regard to future dealings with the Indians.

While several bills have been introduced and some action taken looking to the carrying out of the policy of Mr. Jones, commissioner of Indian affairs, for the reform and advancement of the Indian, a general bill, providing for radical reforms in the government's mode of dealing with the Indians is being prepared. Senator Stewart of Nevada, chairman of the senate committee on Indian affairs, recently delegated Senators Clapp of Minnesota and Clark of Montana to prepare a general bill outlining a new Indian policy.

Senators Clapp and Clark have their bill in preparation and have already decided upon some of the salient features of the measure. It has been determined to provide for the immediate dissolution of the tribal relations of all the Indians.

Commissioner Jones and all students of the "Indian problem" are agreed that this is the first essential step toward any effective advancement for the Indian. Experience of the teachers, Indian agents and all who have had close relations with the Indians shows that the tribal government is the greatest obstacle to the advancement of the individual Indian. The common purse robs the individual Indian of any desire to do more than any other member of the tribe. The thriftless member of the tribe secures as many privileges and rewards as the Indian who wants to work and improve his condition. The bill will call for the immediate allotment of all Indian lands and the stopping of annuities. Provision will be made for the protection of the aged Indians and those who are clearly not capable of self-government and the management of their own affairs. For this class the government will be required to keep the funds, derived from the sale of lands and other sources, and exercise a guardianship as long as may be deemed necessary by the Indian commissioner and the agents in charge at the different reservations.

The bill will also provide that Indian lands be immediately allotted and that the funds to the credit of the tribes be individualized and divided among the Indians. The surplus lands, after the allotments have been made, will be sold at auction to the highest bidder, and the Indian countries thus opened up to settlement. This, the framers of the bill hold, will place the individual Indian upon his own responsibility and furnish a speedy solution of the Indian problem.

It is expected that the bill will be ready for presentation in both the senate and house in a few weeks. It will have the indorsement of the interior department and Indian bureau officials and the support of all the congressmen and senators who have made any study of the Indian question.

More Big Engines.

An order given by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad Company to the American Locomotive Company

calls for an engine that will haul a load of 2,100 tons up a 50-foot grade. The rigid wheel base is 20 feet, and it weighs 137½ tons. On the drivers there is a weight of 230,000 pounds, or 115 tons. The type is the decapod, with ten drivers. To the top of the stack the height is 15 feet, and to the top of the boiler 12 feet 7½ inches. The heaviest engine now doing work for the Santa Fe has a weight of 163,000 pounds on the drivers, and a number of engines are being built for the company which will have a weight of 191,000 pounds on the drivers.

MAKES AN ASSIGNMENT.

J. Ernest Walker, the Phoenix Real Estate Dealer, Tries to Carry Too Great a Load.

J. Ernest Walker yesterday made an assignment for the benefit of those who choose to take advantage of the assignment. The assignee is W. H. Black, who has been Mr. Walker's bookkeeper for some time. The papers in the assignment were filed late in the afternoon. The assignor, in his statement, says he has no hope of being able to pay his creditors in full.

The extent of Mr. Walker's indebtedness is a subject of mere conjecture so far as the public are concerned. It has been variously estimated at from \$20,000 to \$50,000, but whatever it may be, it is said that the greater part of it has been secured by mortgages on property not included in the published list. He surrendered the greater part, if not all, of his interest in the Buckeye canal and most of his holdings in the Buckeye country to his partner, J. C. Wasson, about three months ago.

The assignment has created no surprise. In fact the unfortunate condition of his affairs has been a matter of street talk for weeks and the greatest wonder was that some move for their unraveling was not begun sooner.

Mr. Walker has been in business in Phoenix for several years. He was one of the most energetic real estate dealers that ever operated in this territory and he probably covered more ground with his operations than any other.

He has done much for this community, and especially for the Buckeye country, but at his own expense and that of those of his creditors whom he may be unable to satisfy. The work he undertook was too great for a man of his physique, and he has been frequently on the verge of a nervous collapse.

Early last spring he was compelled to spend some time on the coast on account of his breaking health. He returned greatly improved, but by mid-summer there was a recurrence of his illness and he was obliged to pass the summer and early fall in the East. On his return he took up his affairs again with his usual vigor, but it was not long until he began to give way. He is now a very sick man.—Phoenix Republican.

E. H. Grover

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DEATH OF W. G. NEVIN.

The General Manager of the Pacific Coast Lines of the Santa Fe Passes Away at Los Angeles, Cal.

William G. Nevin, general manager of the Santa Fe railroad lines west of Albuquerque, died rather suddenly Sunday morning at his home in Los Angeles, Cal. The immediate cause of death was paralysis of the heart.

Mr. Nevin retired at an early hour on Saturday evening in the best of spirits. Sunday morning he awoke about 7:30 o'clock and was apparently just about to rise when, with scarcely an audible articulation, he turned over on his side apparently dead. Mrs. Nevin, who was in the room at the time, rushed to his side and found him still breathing, but in a comatose state. She hastily summoned her son, and the two vainly endeavored to resuscitate the stricken man. Before the arrival of Dr. Norman, who was summoned, Mr. Nevin died without regaining consciousness.

In January, 1901, Mr. Nevin partially lost the use of his arm, and upon consulting a physician, found that he was suffering from what is popularly called "creeping paralysis." He was advised to give up all active work, and he accordingly secured six months' leave of absence. After an absence of about three months in the east and Mexico he returned to Los Angeles greatly improved in health.

Mr. Nevin was one of the best known and most highly esteemed railroad men west of Chicago. He was born in Philadelphia 47 years ago. He leaves a wife and two children.

Oranges as Argument for Statehood.

Col. J. F. Wilson of Prescott is using oranges, real Arizona oranges, as an argument in favor of statehood. A short time ago Col. Wilson sent to each of the various congressmen from the East a box of fine oranges, which he hoped would create a favorable impression.

Yesterday Col. Wilson was in the city and stated to the board of trade that he had received a number of letters from these congressmen and the results are entirely satisfactory, for according to the letters the oranges have done more and better work for statehood than most anything else could have done. Col. Wilson is highly elated at the success of his little scheme. He has devoted considerable time and money to preparing statistics and other data regarding Arizona's rights to statehood, but it did not seem to hit the right spot with the statesmen from the East. The orange business was merely an afterthought, but it has proved to be a winning one, as several of the recipients of the luscious fruit have expressed themselves as favoring the admission of any territory that could send out such delicious, magnificent and beautiful products. Whether the taste of the oranges will remain until the bill reaches the house remains to be seen.—Gazette.

Shooting Affray.

On last Thursday, at Burns' ranch, thirty miles northwest of Kingman, John J. Tobin shot and seriously wounded George N. Conrad, a cattleman. The shooting was over the possession of a ranch. Tobin fired two

charges of buckshot at Conrad, it taking effect in the right arm, after which he seized Conrad's rifle and shot him through the fleshy part of the left leg. Tobin was assisted in the shooting by his wife. Tobin had been forcibly removed from the ranch by the sheriff a week ago, and again took possession in the absence of Conrad. After the shooting Tobin and wife fled to Chloride, where they were arrested.

AGUA CALIENTE LETTER.

AGUA CALIENTE, Jan. 25.

COCONINO SUN: We are all here, what there is left of us. The Flagstaff contingent is not as strong as it was, but Flagstaff is as well represented as any other town in the territory.

Uncle Jim Jones, his son Dick, Bob Anderson, Frank Fay and Harry Hoxworth are out at the mines most of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woods are here, cosily located in the Rock Hotel. Mrs. Woods is improving, while Mr. Woods seems to be very glad he came.

Frank Livermore climbs the mountain near here every morning for exercise, and I guess he needs it, as he is gaining in flesh, and he is afraid if he don't work he will get corpulent and feel like Tom Bunch.

Ed Gale has a care on his hands. He has a valuable dog and he took sick about a week ago and Mr. Gale puts in a portion of his time taking care of his dog and the rest with his horses, which he drives most every day to keep them from getting fractious.

Mrs. Harry Hoxworth and little son live alone in the finest residence in town, situated on Nob Hill, while Mr. Hoxworth is at the mines.

John and Merritt Clark are still here. John has a contract hauling hay for Judge O. B. Bloomer, who is chief justice and runs the Rock Hotel, the Caliente corral, the big store, and pretty nearly everything else. He would run it all if he could, but he hasn't the time.

We had a slight sprinkle here last Sunday, not near enough to lay the dust. The weather is still threatening and we are in hopes we will get lots of rain. HARPER.

The Coyote Hunt.

The much advertised coyote hunt in the neighborhood north of Glendale came off yesterday afternoon. The first returns were brought in last night. It cannot be said that they were vague or indefinite, but that they were contradictory. The number of coyotes killed range from 20 to 200, and it was said that there was a great mortality among the dogs. A good many jack rabbits were caught in the wash. The coyotes were driven together by an ever-lessening circle of horsemen, and when enough of them were gotten into a compact body the slaughter is said to have commenced. After everything in sight had been killed, the dogs were sent in to see what had been overlooked. It was then that the real fun of the day began, and it was at this period that the mortality began to set in among the dogs. One man said that twenty were slain or missing, and another from the same region of disturbance said that when the hunt was over it seemed as if there were more dogs than when the chase began. It was his opinion that some of the coyotes had disguised themselves in order to avoid extermination.—Republican.